



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1278-C)

In the Application of:)
Lawton, et al.)
Serial No.: 10/054,647)
Filed: January 22, 2002)
For: Compositions and Methods for Detection)
Of *Ehrlichia canis* and *Ehrlichia*)
chaffeensis Antibodies)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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This paper is filed in response to the office action mailed on November 17, 2003. A fee of eighty six dollars is due for one additional independent claim (\$86.00). Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490 for this fee. It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing; however if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-2490.

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